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TOPIC Military Information from Letzling Heath

25X1X EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1A

25X1A DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED]

DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 5 May 1953

REFERENCES [REDACTED]

PAGES 1 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) [REDACTED]

REMARKS [REDACTED]

SOURCE [REDACTED] 25X1X

On 23 April 1953, the camp south of Hottendorf was occupied by an estimated 5,000 to 6,000 troops, most of whom wore black-bordered crimson epaulets and some of them red-bordered black epaulets with tank and artillery insignia. Most of the soldiers were quartered in tents. Motor vehicles [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] were identified in traffic from and to the camp. On 23 April, Camp Huetten was occupied to capacity by about 5,000 troops, most of whom wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Two-mast radio stations were observed north of the camp. Camp Born could not be approached. Residents told source that this camp quartered about 25,000 troops. Six 37-mm AA guns were emplaced in firing position 2 km south-southwest of Born, 50 meters east of the Chaussee to Haldensleben. There was intensive vehicular traffic between the two camps at Born and Haldensleben, with most of the vehicles carrying billeting equipment. Motor vehicle [REDACTED] identified [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

- 25X1A i. [REDACTED] Comment. It is believed that the camp in the woods southeast of
25X1A Jaevenitz, which is also referred to as camp south of Hottendorf, is occupied
by units of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div. Information so far obtained revealed
that Waldlager II south of Huetten quarters elements of the 7th Gds Tank Div
which arrived between 14 and 19 April. See [REDACTED] The number
of troops in Waldlager I and II near Born is probably considerably lower than
stated by source. Further components of the 7th Gds Tank Div and units of the
Third Shock Army may be carried there. The motor vehicle [REDACTED]
the aforementioned army.